
Subject: Unknown old radio, need help

Posted by [AmherstVA](#) on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 14:50:16 GMT

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I just bought a vintage radio on eBay. There's no manufacturer and no schematic. Can anyone ID this radio for me? I think I've got the picture listed below, but if it doesn't work, please email me and I'll send it. Thanks.

Subject: Re: Unknown old radio, need help

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 19:14:50 GMT

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Sorry, I can't identify it but I can help get it working if it's broken. Does it work?

Subject: Re: Unknown old radio, need help

Posted by [Eldragon](#) on Tue, 27 Jun 2006 01:40:12 GMT

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I work with one of the biggest radio collector in the US. I'll find out for you tomorrow.

Subject: Re: Unknown old radio, need help

Posted by [Bill](#) on Fri, 30 Jun 2006 00:21:50 GMT

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HI, From the looks of your radio I think that you have a married radio. The cabinet is probably from the late 1930's and the radio itself is probably from the early to mid 1940's. the opening on the right side of the cabinet was originally the dial area and where the dial is now was originally the speaker. To be sure I would need more and better quality photos of the front and the back and as close as possible. Please feel free to email me for more info. Bill

Subject: Re: Unknown old radio, need help

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 30 Jun 2006 04:21:27 GMT

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Good catch, I think you're right. After reading your post, I went back and looked at the photo. It looks just like you said.

Subject: Re: Unknown old radio, need help
Posted by [AmherstVA](#) on Sat, 01 Jul 2006 22:51:02 GMT
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Upon looking at the radio, you're absolutely right. I dismantled it today and in reality there are two radios in there. The original radio appears to still be there, with the dial/faceplate removed(now the speaker). The metal radio with dials appears to be an old car radio. It's completely encased in metal but has no identification. It resembles a 1948 or so Chevrolet radio. With it removed, I could barely make out a tag on the wooden radio identifying it as a Western Auto dated 10/42, I think, still model unknown. Thanks for your help!

Subject: Re: Unknown old radio, need help
Posted by [Bill](#) on Tue, 11 Jul 2006 00:29:40 GMT
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Just looking at the one photo, it just might be a Western Auto set. It probably could be restored to near original if you wanted to spend some time on it? The grill could be reproduced and fitted in position and I can assist you in joining them so that all seams would disappear!! The chassis you said was there and I assume that the speaker is gone or torn up. I can explain to you how to replace it with a modern speaker. Be advised that if you decide to restore it will take a lot of work and time. I have been doing this kind of restoration work on radios for many years but if you are committed to this project I would be glad to guide you through the long process. Be aware that it could take months and your radio at the end may only value less than \$100.00. It would save a small piece of history and you would have a beautiful radio to show to your friends.

Subject: Re: Unknown old radio, need help
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 11 Jul 2006 14:50:01 GMT
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I had an old Stewart Warner radio that had an open field coil. Believe it or not, I hand wound the voice coil with magnet wire. Worked great! I could have easily replaced the speaker with a fixed magnet type, but I wanted to keep the old speaker. It took hours and hours and hours to wind! I would spend an hour or so every day winding while watching TV or listening to the radio or CD. After a couple weeks, I finally finished. Lots of work, but I'm glad I did it!

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